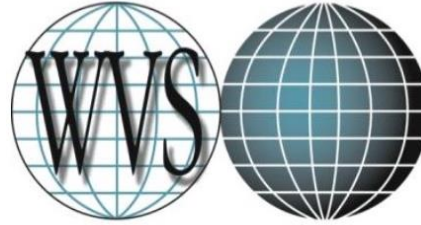




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POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IN GLOBAL  
COMPARISON. PATTERNS OF CONVENTIONAL AND  
UNCONVENTIONAL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IN  
WESTERN EUROPE, EASTERN EUROPE, EURASIA,  
ASIA, AFRICA AND THE AMERICAS

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# OBJECTIVES AND TASKS

**The main aim** of the paper is to measure and compare the level of political participation worldwide and to define the main predictors of conventional and unconventional political participation in different regions of the world.

**Political participation** can be defined as those actions of private citizens by which they seek to influence or to support government and politics.

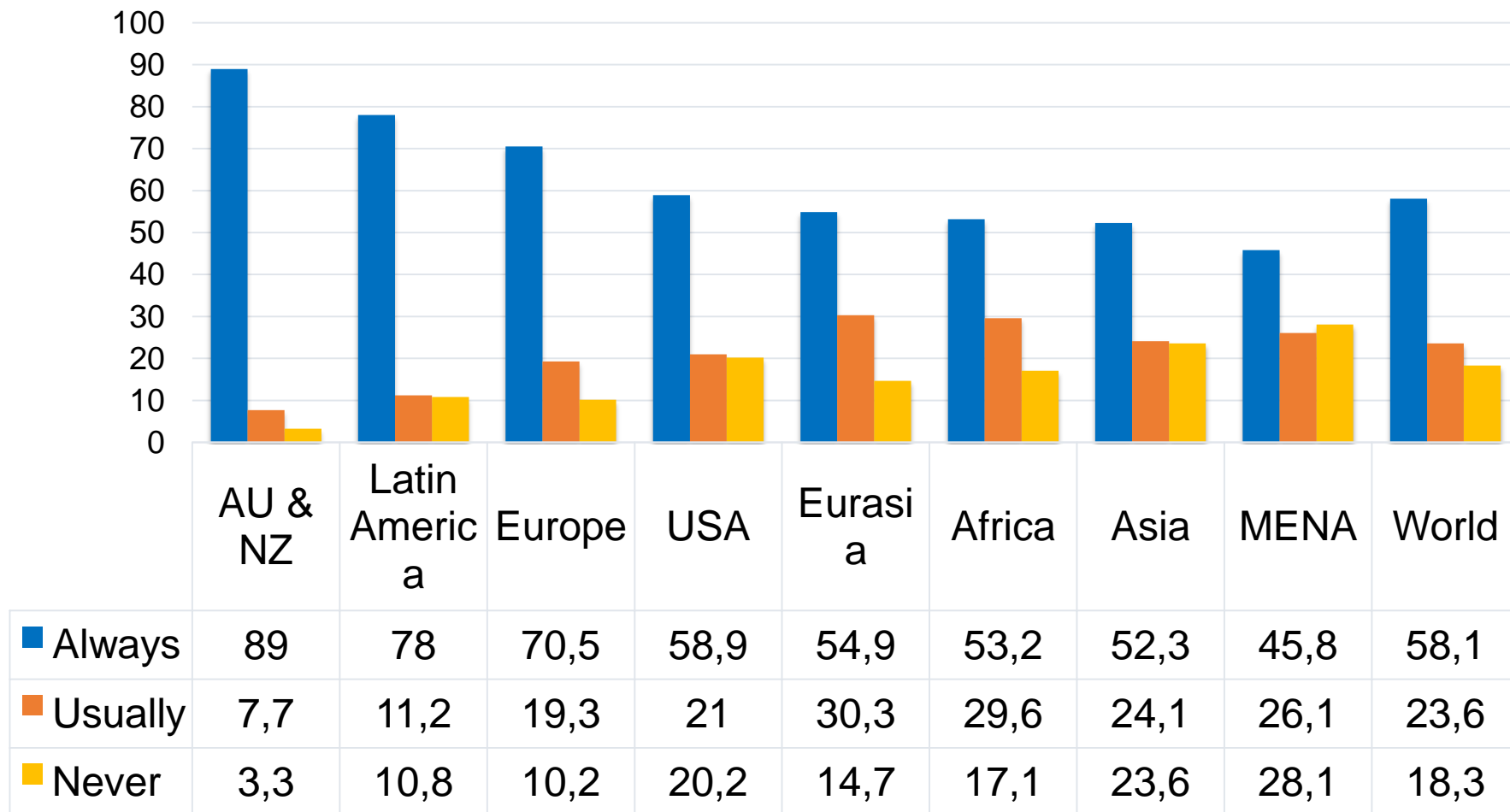
## **Components of political participation:**

- 1) Conventional: participation in local elections; participation in national elections
- 2) Unconventional: signing a petition, joining the boycotts, attending demonstrations, joining in strikes & etc.

# GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE (WVS-6)

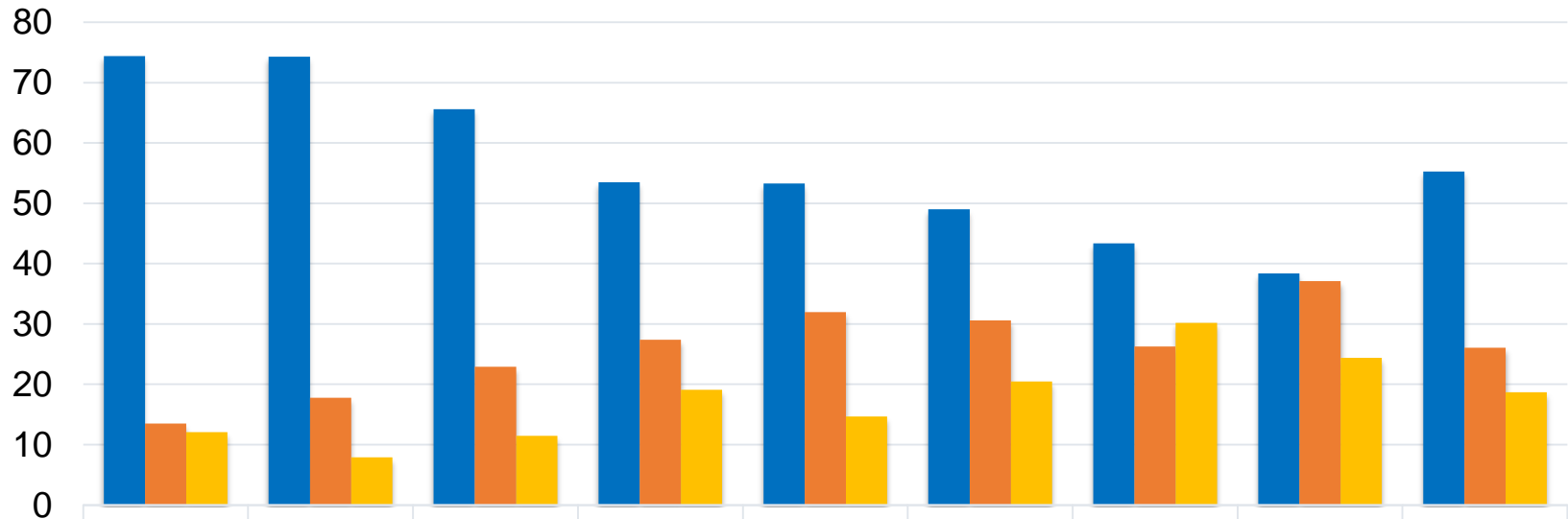
- **Africa:** Ghana, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Zimbabwe.
- **Asia:** China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, India, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand.
- **Australia & New Zealand**
- **Europe:** Cyprus, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.
- **Eurasia:** Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.
- **Latin America:** Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, Trinidad & Tobago, Uruguay.
- **MENA:** Algeria, Bahrain, Palestine, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Qatar, Tunisia, Turkey, Egypt, Yemen.
- **North America:** USA.

# CONVENTIONAL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION: VOTING IN NATIONAL ELECTIONS



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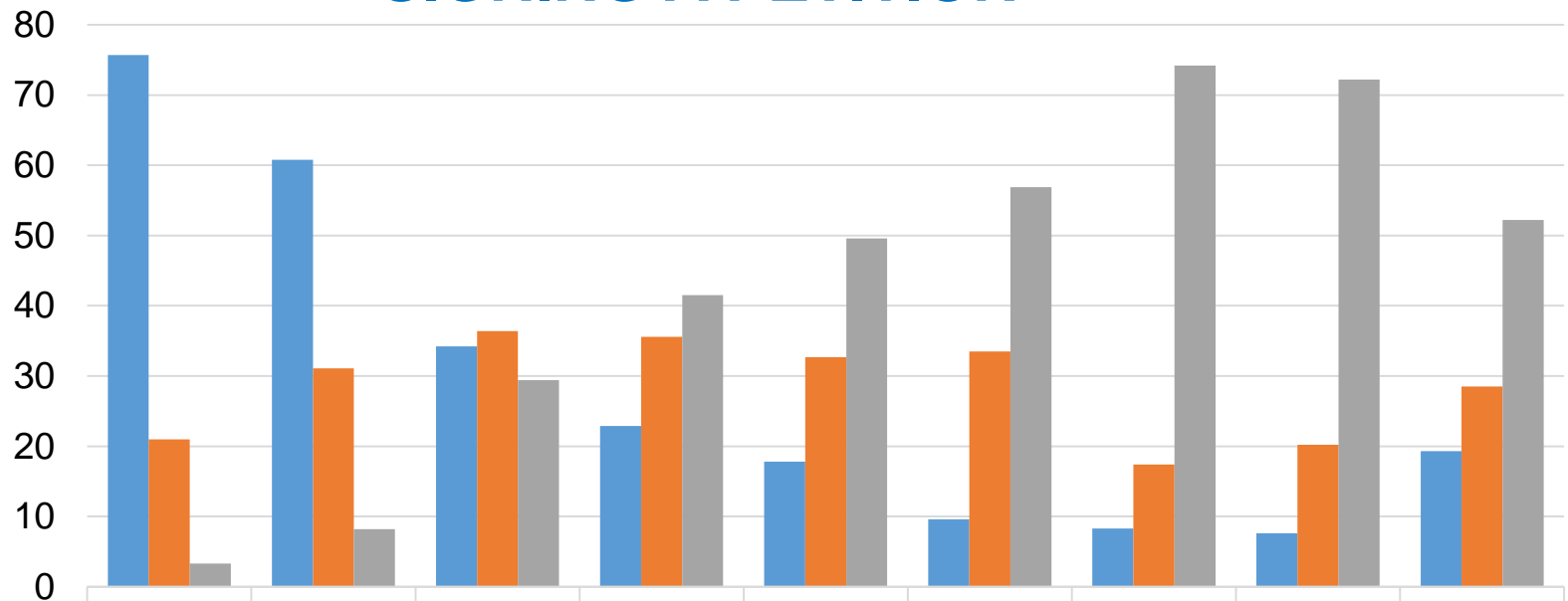
# CONVENTIONAL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION: VOTING IN LOCAL ELECTIONS



	Latin America	AU & NZ	Europe	Asia	Eurasia	Africa	Mena	USA	World
Always	74,4	74,3	65,6	53,5	53,3	49	43,4	38,4	55,3
Usually	13,5	17,8	22,9	27,4	32	30,6	26,3	37,1	26,1
Never	12,1	7,9	11,5	19,1	14,7	20,5	30,2	24,4	18,7

Source: WVS-6; N=86,274

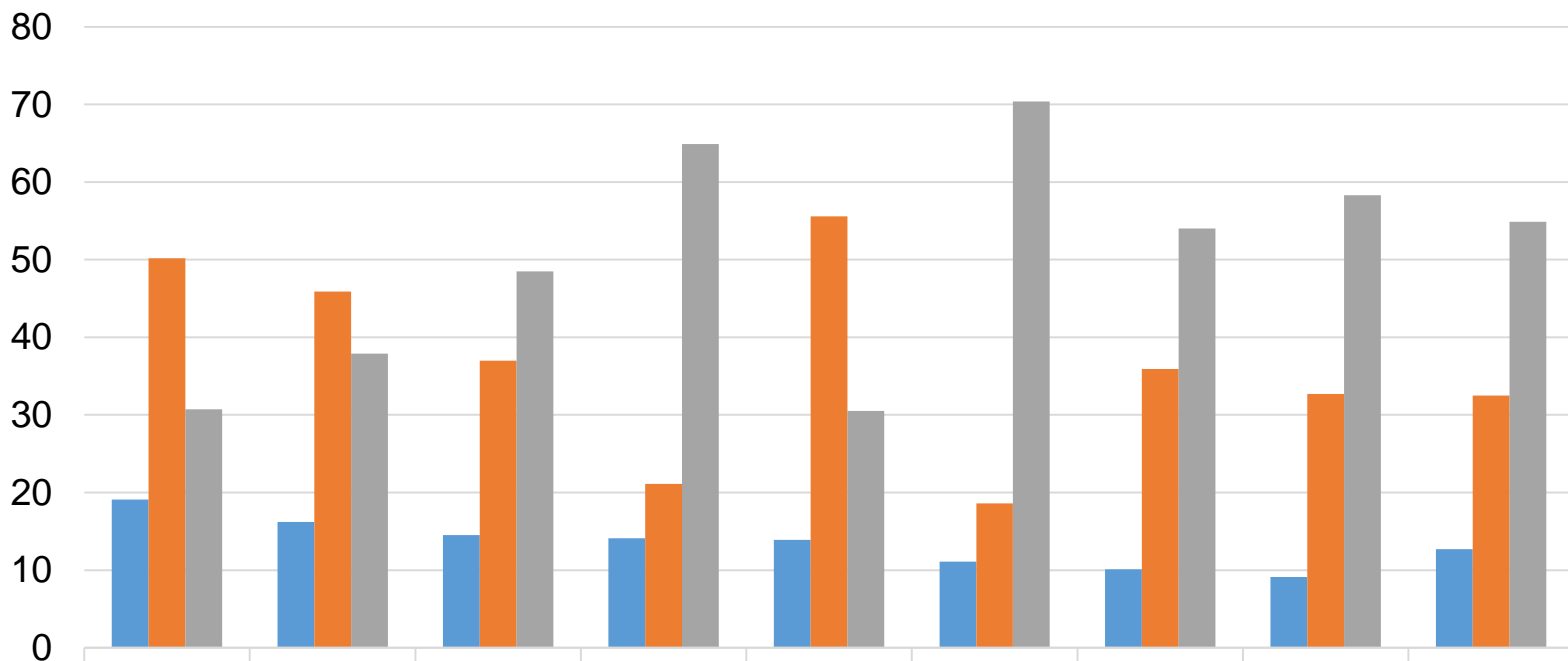
# UNCONVENTIONAL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND PROTEST ACTIVISM: SIGNING A PETITION



■ Have done	75,7	60,8	34,2	22,9	17,8	9,6	8,3	7,6	19,3
■ Might do	21	31,1	36,4	35,6	32,7	33,5	17,4	20,2	28,5
■ Would never do	3,3	8,2	29,4	41,5	49,6	56,9	74,2	72,2	52,2

Source: WVS-6; N=86,274

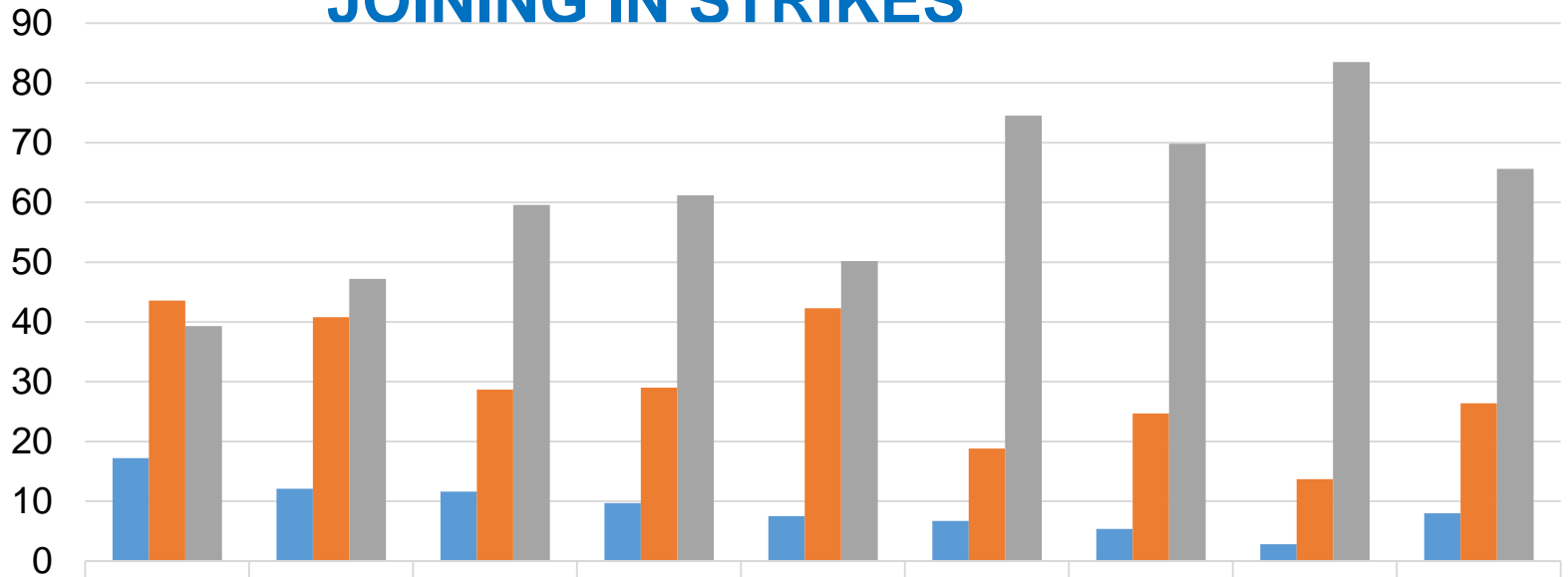
# UNCONVENTIONAL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND PROTEST ACTIVISM: ATTENDING PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS



	AU & NZ	Europe	Latin America	MENA	USA	Eurasia	Africa	Asia	World
■ Have done	19,1	16,2	14,5	14,1	13,9	11,1	10,1	9,1	12,7
■ Might do	50,2	45,9	37	21,1	55,6	18,6	35,9	32,7	32,5
■ Would never do	30,7	37,9	48,5	64,9	30,5	70,4	54	58,3	54,9

Source: WVS-6; N=86,274

# UNCONVENTIONAL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND PROTEST ACTIVISM: JOINING IN STRIKES

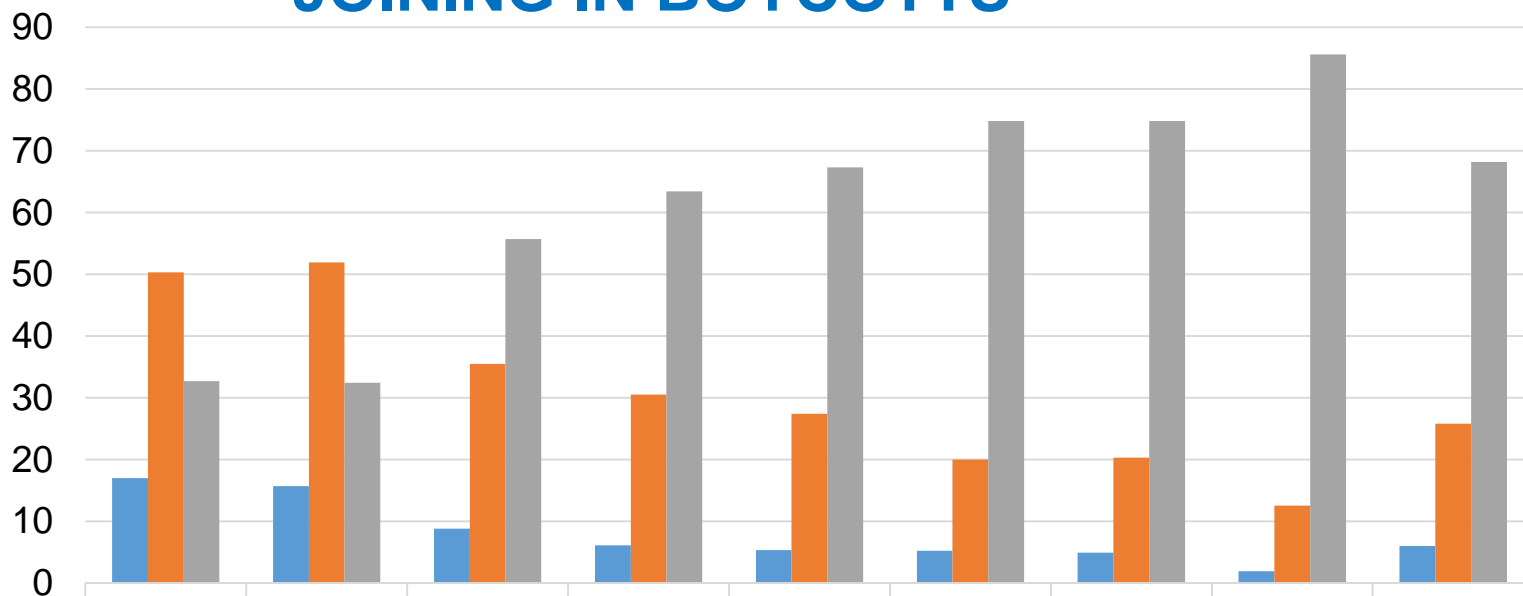


	AU & NZ	Europe	Africa	Latin America	USA	MENA	Asia	Eurasia	World
■ Have done	17,2	12,1	11,6	9,7	7,5	6,7	5,4	2,8	8
■ Might do	43,6	40,8	28,7	29	42,3	18,8	24,7	13,7	26,4
■ Would never do	39,3	47,2	59,6	61,2	50,2	74,5	69,8	83,5	65,6

Source: WVS-6; N=86,274



# UNCONVENTIONAL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND PROTEST ACTIVISM: JOINING IN BOYCOTTS



	AU & NZ	USA	Europe	Asia	Africa	MENA	Latin America	Eurasia	World
■ Have done	17	15,7	8,8	6,1	5,3	5,2	4,9	1,9	6
■ Might do	50,3	51,9	35,5	30,5	27,4	20	20,3	12,5	25,8
■ Would never do	32,7	32,4	55,7	63,4	67,3	74,8	74,8	85,6	68,2

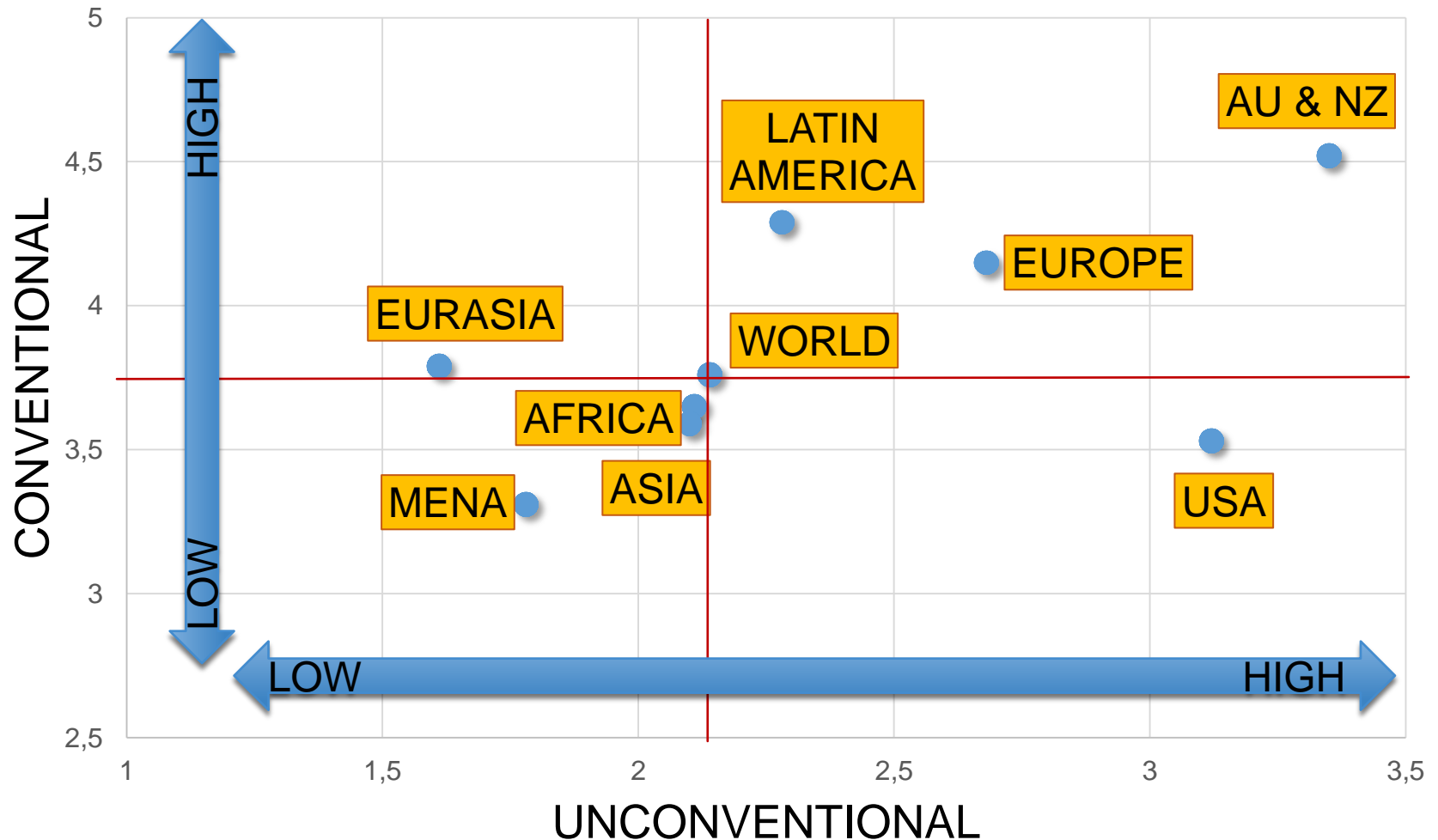
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# INDEXES OF CONVENTIONAL AND UNCONVENTIONAL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

Rank	Region	CPI	UCPI
1	AU & NZ	4.52	3.35
2	Latin America	4.29	2.28
3	Europe	4.15	2.68
4	Eurasia	3.79	1.61
5	Africa	3.65	2.11
6	Asia	3.59	2.10
7	USA	3.53	3.12
8	Mena	3.31	1.78
<b>Mean World</b>		<b>3.76</b>	<b>2.14</b>

CPI (Conventional Participation Index) and UCPI (Unconventional Participation Index) vary from 1 (low level) to 5 (high level)

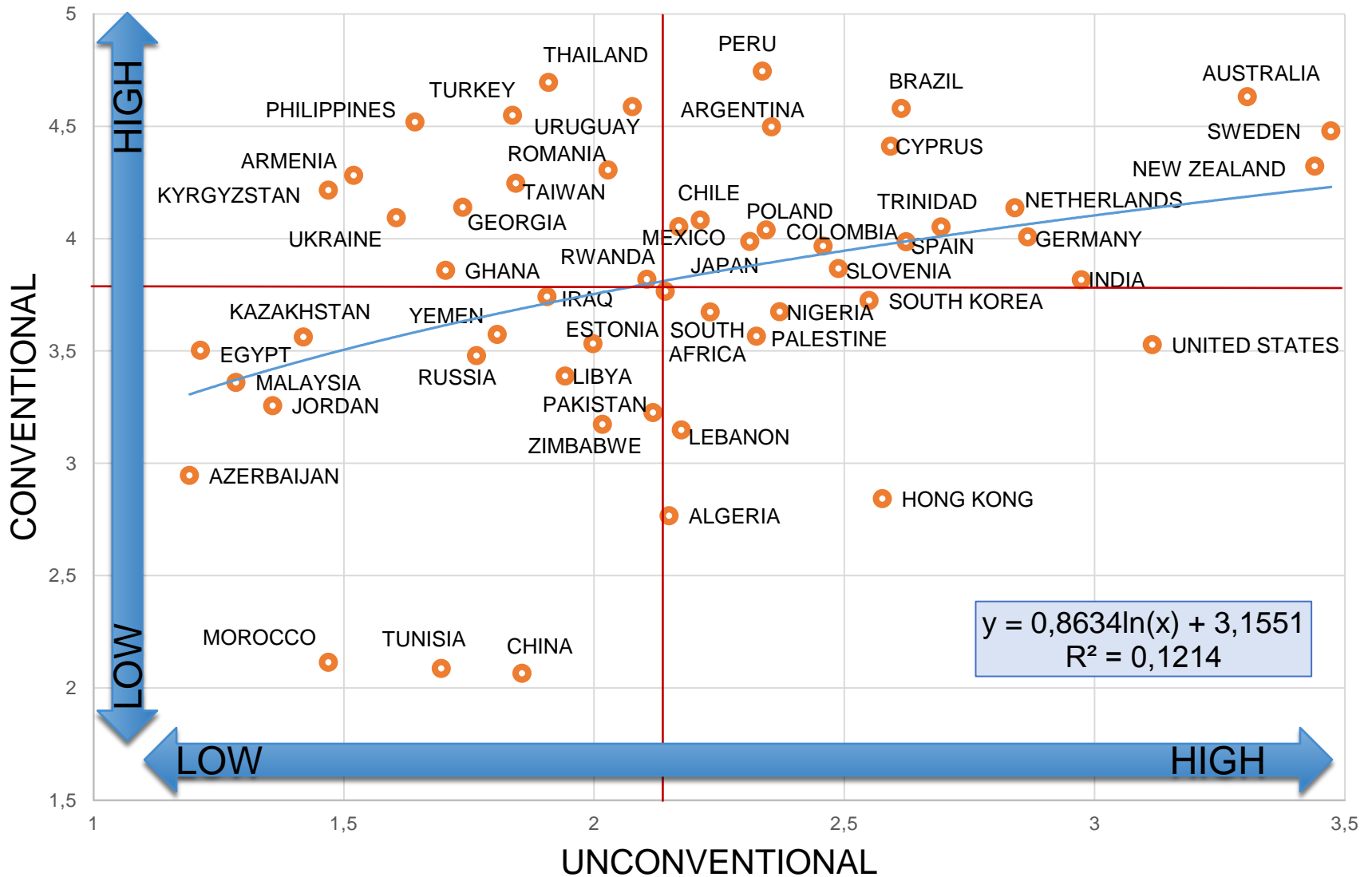
# INDEXES OF CONVENTIONAL AND UNCONVENTIONAL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION



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# INDEXES OF POLITICAL PARTICIPATION\*



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## PREDICTORS OF CONVENTIONAL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

	AU & NZ	Europe	Africa	LA	USA	MENA	Asia	Eur asia	World
Age	.144	.194	<b>.281</b>	.204	<b>.242</b>	.094	.218	.184	.227
Education level	.089	<b>.138</b>	.041	.033	<b>.195</b>	.057	.077	.071	.089
Married or cohabiting	*	.061	.101	.109	*	.103	<b>.127</b>	.089	.095
Income	<b>.118</b>	.035	*	*	.084	*	.073	.030	-.041
Life satisfaction	*	*	-.041	-.062	*	*	*	*	.043
Membership in religious organization	<b>.085</b>	.051	*	*	.066	.051	.068	*	.069
National pride	.114	<b>.207</b>	.064	.036	.168	*	.138	.110	.061
Interest in politics	.099	<b>.175</b>	.139	.137	<b>.325</b>	.142	.122	<b>.175</b>	.111
Democratic government of the country	*	*	<b>.095</b>	*	*	.045	.031	*	.057
Confidence in elections (important for your and family life)	*	<b>.113</b>	.069	.067	-	<b>.118</b>	.041	.087	.092
Confidence in elections (fair elections important for economy development)	<b>.161</b>	.084	.072	.039	-	.077	*	<b>.106</b>	.072

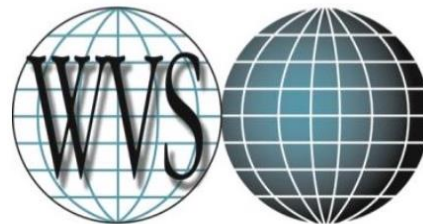
# PREDICTORS OF UNCONVENTIONAL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

	AU & NZ	Europe	Africa	LA	USA	MENA	Asia	Eur asia	World
Sex (male)	*	*	.071	.046	*	<b>.108</b>	.044	*	.037
Usage of Internet	*	<b>.181</b>	.109	<b>.174</b>	.134	<b>.193</b>	.161	.155	.205
Interest in politics	<b>.230</b>	<b>.223</b>	.205	.190	.200	.185	.194	.152	.176
Support for a strong leader	<b>.129</b>	.109	.075	-.043	.147	<b>-.162</b>	.069	.050	.081
Generalized trust	<b>.075</b>	.052	.031	*	*	-.038	<b>.094</b>	*	.053
Confidence in churches	<b>-.101</b>	-.072	*	-.081	*	*	<b>-.099</b>	.078	-.076
Confidence in Labour Unions	<b>.290</b>	.109	.077	.094	<b>.209</b>	.034	.042	*	.055
Confidence in government	*	-.068	*	-.035	*	-.056	<b>-.130</b>	<b>-.138</b>	-.084
Confidence in universities	*	.052	*	.055	<b>.077</b>	.061	*	<b>.097</b>	.090
Confidence in banks	<b>-.153</b>	-.067	*	*	<b>-.151</b>	-.038	*	-.054	-.074
Membership in religious org-n	*	*	*	<b>.061</b>	*	.042	<b>.062</b>	*	.088
Membership in sports org-n	<b>.065</b>	.033	.034	*	*	<b>.053</b>	*	.042	.058
Membership in Labour Union	<b>.151</b>	<b>.149</b>	*	.088	.085	.072	.052	.054	.073
Membership in humanitarian org-n	.080	.096	.100	*	<b>.162</b>	.053	<b>.128</b>	.051	.096
<b>R</b>	<b>.287</b>	<b>.252</b>	<b>.123</b>	<b>.138</b>	<b>.251</b>	<b>.180</b>	<b>.153</b>	<b>.101</b>	<b>.193</b>

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